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# Community welcomes deployed troops home

## Hundreds wait for return, donations support event

By 1st Lt. Ben Alumbaugh  
 374th Airlift Wing public affairs

With the sounds of fire engines blaring, the PACAF Brass Band blowing, and hundreds of people cheering, about 100 members of Team Yokota returned Monday from supporting Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom as well as other contingencies or exercises throughout the world.

The evening was an emotional one for many with children brimming with excitement, family members tense with anticipation and friends full of enthusiasm to see the people they love return to them.

"I get so emotional," said Staff Sgt. Stephanie Eversley, 374th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate Office's noncommissioned officer in charge of Civil Law, who was there with her husband, Staff Sgt. Armando Eversley, to support his co-workers from the base Fire Department.

"I cried once tonight since being here and that was before the plane even landed," she said.

But the evening was not a cause for tears of sadness for the men and women present, the evening was a time of celebration for everyone.

Friends erupted with joy as their buddies walked off the plane, children cheered with glee as they got to re-acquaint themselves with their parents, and spouses celebrated their reunion.

"I've been married for five months," said Senior Airman Sharma Haynes, 374th Comptroller Squadron. "But I've been gone for four months, so it's great to be back."

"It's nice to come home and have a big group of people welcome you, especially your family who you haven't seen in so long," said Senior Airman Nathan Filkens, 374th Airlift Wing Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels flight. "It's nice



photo by Airman 1st Class Javier Cruz Jr.

**Master Sgt. Jo Bradshaw, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, is welcomed back by a line of Yokota chief master sergeants. More than 100 Airmen returned Monday night after supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom as well other contingencies and exercises across the world.**

to come back to Yokota and see all of the support shown here."

As an example of the extended Air Force family, members of Team Yokota donated homemade baked goods for the returning Airmen as they in-processed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"People gave so much," said Chief Master Sgt. Mercedes Moore, superintendent of the 374th Mission Support Group. "And it just wasn't individuals. Several organizations provided other items such as coffee, water, chips and dip."

"This means a great deal to me," said Col. Michael Dillard, 374th Maintenance Group commander. "These people gave part of their lives and were away from their families, but in the Air Force we are all family."

# Volunteers recognized for excellence, service

## Individuals spotlighted for help provided to wing, base populace

By Airman 1st Class Katie Thomas  
 Editor

The spirit of giving was celebrated at the annual volunteer recognition banquet May 6.

More than two dozen Yokota community members were spotlighted for their hours and gestures of service.

Yokota Officers' Spouses Club treasurer **Alicia Gallup** was awarded the 2004 Volunteer Excellence Award for her work in contributing more than \$40,000 back to the base community through the club. The award is given by the Air Force Chief of Staff and can be received only once in a person's lifetime.

The National Military Family Association's Very Important Patriot Award was earned by two Yokota members for 2004. **Heather Passmore** earned the award for helping to gain more than \$70,000 in the Yokota Officers' Spouses Club for scholarships and continuing education needs. **Staff Sgt.**

**Katrina Blanchard**, 20th Operational Weather Squadron, garnered the award for her work with the Girls Scouts and its "Treats for Troops" program.

Seven individuals earned a Daily Points of Light Award, which is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation and Corporation for National and Community Service.

**Darleena Wolak** gained the award for her work at Yokota East Elementary School by helping bring \$2,000 to the school through the Box Tops for Education Program.

**Christie English** received the award for her continuous volunteerism at YEES also, helping students with research projects to Art Club.

**Airman 1st Class John Morrison**, 730th Air Mobility Squadron, won the award for helping the base's American Red Cross chapter put on its annual furniture sale, helping the organization raise \$272,000. **Tech. Sgt. Michael Chastain**, Pacific Air Forces

TALCE, earned the award for his work with the base chapel's Homeless Ministry, helping feed 104,000 people with 144 tons of food annually. **Senior Airman David Simpson**, 374th Security Forces Squadron, received the award for mentoring and assisting students at the Yokota Middle School throughout the year.

**Beryl Renee Lancaster** also gained the Daily Points of Light Award for helping the Girl Scouts reach 90 percent more older girls on the base, positively influencing statistically at-risk girls. **Senior Master Sgt. Teresa Holmes**, 374th Operations Support Squadron, won the award for her work with St. Michael's, enhancing liturgical services for 400 worshippers.

The 2004 Volunteers of the Year included almost a dozen community members who gave their time to organizations such as the base hospital, numerous on-base private organizations, both the Boy and Girl Scouts, base schools and more.

The following members garnered this award: **Master Sgt. Samuel Hilburn**, 374th Communications Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. Keith Fitzgerald**, Band of the Pacific-Asia;

**Regina Lowe**, Girl Scouts; **Nieves Kolasinski**, Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club; **Teresa Negley**, American Red Cross; **Yvette Benham**, Yokota Officers' Spouses Club; **Nancy Koster**, 374th Medical Group; **Mary Frentz**, Family Support Center and others; **Hideo Furuashi**, American and Japanese Red Cross; and **Ayako Yashioro**, Family Support Center.

The ceremony also recognized Angel Award winners: **the Reid family**, for their work with the Girl Scouts; **Jennifer Plummer**, for her dedication to the Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club and Yokota East Elementary School; **Adelaide Lawler**, who dedicated 560 hours to various causes in 2004; and **Senior Airman Christina Manuel** of the 374th Contracting Squadron, for her efforts to reach out to a local orphanage.

The Family Support Center estimated that 2,050 volunteers donated about 70,000 hours which saved the 374th Airlift Wing more than \$1 million in 2004.

Community members who are interested in volunteering through the Family Support Center can call 225-8725 for more information.



## 'Global' replaced by revised listings

The Pacific Air Forces started a major upgrade to the base e-mail system today.

According to Capt. Brian Oldenburg, 374th Communications Squadron information systems flight commander, this update is the next step in the project to bring Microsoft's new e-mail software to all PACAF bases.

"It's a 'must-do' project," said Captain Oldenburg. "The current software is over five years old and Microsoft is officially phasing out all technical support for it at the end of this year."

During this update, e-mail users will see the biggest impacts in the "global" and when sending e-mail to non-PACAF users. Addresses will only appear from within PACAF.

"You will still be able to send e-mail to everyone, but you won't be able to use the GAL to look up their address if they aren't in PACAF," said Captain Oldenburg. "Even Microsoft Outlook's contacts and personal address books won't work properly for those addresses until it is completely restored."

Users can run a convert tool for contacts to help avoid returned e-mail. Convert tools and more information are located at <https://www.mil.yokota.af.mil> under "Hot Topics."

Members will also be able to look it up on the Air Force Portal White Pages or PACAF's address search Web site: <https://www.hqpacaf.af.mil/gateway/lookup.cfm>.

The system upgrade is scheduled to be completed around June 4.

(Courtesy of 374th Communications Squadron)



photos by Airman 1st Class Katie Thomas

### Rollin' in style

Staff Sgt. Oliver Lucero, an autobody mechanic with the 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron, puts the finishing touch on the wing commander's new vehicle. The 2004 Nissan Primera replaces the dark blue 1991 Nissan Cedric (inset) that the commander previously sported. The vehicle features several in-house modifications to help the commander keep tabs on the base and its operations while he is in transit. The squadron also created a new license plate and plate holder to ensure military members can recognize the official vehicle. Servicemembers should observe the proper military customs and courtesies when they see the commander's official vehicle.

## BRAC: Information available for affected bases

Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The secretary of defense is expected to announce the proposed Base Realignment and Closure list during a press conference May 13.

Air Force officials said they understand the effect BRAC can have on servicemembers, retirees, employees and their families.

To assist people with vital BRAC information, the Air Force will provide a toll-free number, (888) 473-6120, for military and civilian members affected by the BRAC list. Besides the toll-free phone number, the Air Force has an informative BRAC Web page at <http://www.af.mil/brac>.

"This number will be available starting

May 13 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (EDT) until further notice," said Col. Thomas Fleming, Air Force BRAC response cell director.

Airmen can seek information through their chain of command. They may also contact the public affairs office at their nearest Air Force installation.

BRAC is the congressionally authorized process the Department of Defense uses to reorganize its base structure to more efficiently and effectively support its forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business.

"People are our most valuable asset; and though BRAC is a careful and impartial analysis, people will be affected," said Colonel Fleming. "We care about our people, and we want to keep our people informed and provide them the best pos-

sible information on the changes that will affect them."

Local communities surrounding these installations will also be affected. Communities can address their concerns with the president's commission at regional BRAC commission meetings or by contacting the commission at (703) 699-2950 for more information. Phone hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, Mondays through Fridays.

The BRAC process will take months to be finalized. The secretary of defense's BRAC recommendations are not final. The president's BRAC commission reviews the list for conformity with the office of the secretary of defense's force structure plan and published selection criteria and report its findings and conclusions by Sept. 8.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

**U.S. Strategic Command transforming, decentralizing:** WASHINGTON (AFPN) – The U.S. Strategic

Command is transforming by incorporating old missions, adding new ones and making the command more flexible and agile for the 21st century, officials said.

STRATCOM, at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., still maintains the U.S. nuclear deterrent, but gained a number of new missions as a result of changes in the unified command plan in 2002.

These new missions called for the command to make fundamental changes in the way it has conducted business, said Army Maj. Gen. Kevin Campbell, the command's chief of staff.

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**Earn more money while deployed:** AFGHANISTAN (AFPN) – The U.S. government offers any servicemember serving in a designated combat zone, qualified hazardous duty area, or directly supporting of a combat zone, an opportunity to participate in a savings program that is free, guaranteed and fully backed by the U.S. government.

Whether active duty, Reserve or National Guard, servicemembers are eligible to contribute up to \$10,000 to a no-risk, no-fee, program that pays 10 percent annual interest, compounded quarterly.

**Air Force focuses on respecting religious beliefs:** WASHINGTON –

One's religious beliefs, or the absence of beliefs in an established religion, should never be grounds for unlawful discrimination, the chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service said.

Starting Spring 2004, Air Force Academy leaders said they noticed some religion-related concerns from the results of a climate survey given to permanent party staff and faculty. Subsequently, they conducted a cadet climate survey and found a similar trend.

In turn, the leaders encouraged the academy community to highlight specific incidents involving religion.

# AD

# New PFE study guide hits streets soon

## Enlisted education materials to be distributed by July 1

By 1st Lt. Denise Burnham

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – The latest edition of enlisted promotion study guides will hit the streets by the end of May, Air Education and Training Command officials here said.

Both the Promotion Fitness Examination and the U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination, officially known as Volumes 1 and 2 of Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, are used by senior airmen through senior master sergeants to study for promotion.

“The PFEs are shipped overseas first and then throughout the United States with final

distribution on the East Coast since the distribution center is located there,” said Master Sgt. Gary Billington, the Air Force manager for the PFE study guide at the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, which writes the PFE. “This helps ensure everyone has the book in hand at approximately the same time.”

The goal, Sergeant Billington said, is to have study materials in the hands of promotion-eligible Airmen by July 1.

The electronic version of

both guides will be available online by July 1 at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/>.

Unit Weighted Airmen Promotion System monitors will distribute the study guides to assigned Airmen, whether at home station or deployed. It is the WAPS monitor’s responsibility to send the guides to Airmen deployed, Sergeant Billington said.

To provide feedback on the new PFE, send an e-mail to [pfesg@randolph.af.mil](mailto:pfesg@randolph.af.mil).

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

## Scales of Justice

The following individuals received nonjudicial punishment duty from January to March:

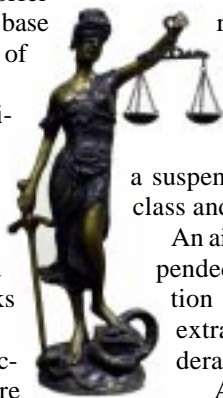
A lieutenant colonel received forfeiture of \$3,498 pay and restriction to base for 60 days for willful dereliction of duty.

A staff sergeant received forfeiture of \$1,030 pay for reckless driving off-base.

A senior airman received a reduction to airman first class and a suspended reduction to airman and a reprimand for several bad checks to the club.

A senior airman received a reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture

of \$692 for two months, restriction to base for 45 days and 45 days extra duty for drunk driving.



A senior airman received a reduction to airman first class and a reprimand for violating a lawful general order and being unfit for duty.

A senior airman received a suspended reduction to airman first class and a reprimand for adultery.

An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman, restriction to base for 45 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for underage drinking.

An airman first class received

a reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$692 pay for two months and a reprimand for drunk driving and drunk and disorderly conduct.

An airman first class received a reduction to airman, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for stealing.

An airman received a suspended reduction to airman basic, restriction to base for 45 days, 20 extra duty and a reprimand for underage drinking.

An airman basic received forfeiture of \$300 pay, restriction to base for 30 days and a reprimand for making a false official statement.

(Information provided by 374th Airlift Wing Staff Judge Advocate office)

## Helicopter makes emergency landing

By Capt. David Westover

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A UH-1N helicopter assigned to the 459th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, made a controlled emergency landing at approximately 5:30 p.m. Saturday at a parking lot of the Fuji Ten Snow Resort in Narusawa-mura, Tsuru-gun, Yamanashi Prefecture.

There were no personnel injured and the aircraft was not damaged during the landing. Four aircrew members were on board.

The aircrew safely performed the controlled emergency landing after they experienced trouble with one of the two engines. The pilot maintained positive control of the aircraft during the landing and at no time was there any danger to property or lives.

Maintenance personnel are currently performing a thorough inspection of the aircraft and are waiting for the results of various tests and procedures to determine the condition of the aircraft. The aircraft will not fly until it is deemed safe.

Since 1997, the base’s UH-1 helicopters have flown more than 10,000 transport and training missions totaling nearly 10,000 flying hours without any major incidents or damage to any personnel, property or equipment.

# AD



# Your safety is my number one priority

## Wing commander shares concerns, puts new 'Bar Row' policy in place

By Col. Mark Schissler  
374th Airlift Wing commander

As the installation commander, my most important job is to ensure the safety of all military personnel, SOFA-status dependents and Department of Defense civilians residing on or around Yokota Air Base.

Whether it is involves the performance of our daily, operational mission, the facilities in which we live and work, or the recreational activities our people enjoy in their

off-duty time – your safety is my number one priority. Reducing the number of assaults at Yokota is my number one goal for this year.

Over the last few months, I've become increasingly concerned about the overall health and safety of our community. Quite frankly, I am disappointed by a number of poor decisions and the resulting misconduct of both military and civilian members of our community. Several people have been seriously injured in assaults. We're experiencing a huge spike in alco-

hol-related incidents which has led me to take further action as your commander to not only prevent, but to eliminate such misbehavior. With the concurrence of the U.S. Forces-Japan/Fifth Air Force leadership, and with your safety in mind, I've established the following base policy:

Effective immediately, all Yokota Air Base military personnel are prohibited from entering in, remaining on, or being within one block of "Bar Row," between the hours of 1 to 6 a.m.

I expect SOFA status dependents, DoD civilians, and DoD-invited contractors to abide by this restriction as well.

I've said it all along, "that noth-

ing good happens after midnight," and with this new policy, I'm formalizing a command decision to do what it takes to ensure the health and safety of our Yokota community.

We are in Japan to perform a vital military mission and I expect every person, military or civilian, to serve as an "ambassador of America." I expect Airmen to look out for their wingmen and ensure the safety of each other, on-duty and off-duty. I hope we can improve a strong relationship with the local Japanese community, maintain high mission readiness, enhance force protection, and ensure the safety and good order and discipline of our Yokota family.

## Did you really mean what you said?

By Col. Michael Dillard  
374th Maintenance Group commander

As Airmen, we have taken an oath of commission or enlistment. There are various creeds and charges also.

There are the chief and senior noncommissioned officer creeds, as well as the noncommissioned officer and airmen's charges. During promotion ceremonies oaths, creeds and charges are passionately recited.

Recently, wing commander Col. Mark Schissler invited all wing officers to stand and reaffirm our oath of commission at a wing officer's call. These statements are more than just words. They are the very fabric of our character in our profession of arms.

When you recited the words, did you listen to what you were saying, or just repeated what you heard? Webster dictionary defines the following words: "oath" – a solemn declaration or promise, "creed" – confession of faith, and "charge" – an obligation or responsibility.

Officers, remember the oath of office you repeated during that officers' call?

Chiefs, remember what you said?

"I am a chief master sergeant. I hold allegiance to my country and the air force. My devotion to duty and personal integrity are consistently above reproach. I wear my uniform and rank with dignity and pride. I lead and promote by example, high standards of conduct, appearance, courtesy and performance. I manage without compromise

or personal gain. I merit the respect of my fellow man. My word is my bond."

Senior NCOs, remember what you said?

"I am a senior noncommissioned officer in the united states air force. I hold allegiance to my country, devotion to duty, and personal integrity above all. I wear my rank of authority with dignity, I promote the highest standards of conduct, appearance, and performance by setting the example. I seek no favors because of my rank. I am devoted to the concept of service rather than personal gain. I uphold the traditions of senior noncommissioned officers who precede me. I manage resources under my control with astute efficiency, and lead the way with the highest level of competence. I always strive to merit the respect of my fellow senior noncommissioned officers and all with whom I come in contact."

NCOs, remember what you said?

"You are charged with ensuring that personnel and resources under your control are effectively used. You are charged with remaining alert to detecting adverse morale trends and initiating corrective action within your control, providing appropriate feedback to superiors. You are charged with maintaining the highest level of communication and rapport with subordinates, remaining attuned to their needs, being ever minded that the key is empathy, not apathy.

"You are charged with actively encouraging and motivating both on and off-duty involvement in unit and base activities by leading the way. You are charged with ensuring that people are treated fairly by all

agencies and activities, both on and off base, initiating corrective action in any instance which violates this principle.

"You are charged with always wearing the uniform properly and ensuring compliance from subordinates. You are charged with a personal responsibility to take advantage of on and off-duty educational programs which will enhance your professional development in preparation to assume increased leadership responsibilities in your quest to attain higher nco grades. You are charged at all times with presenting an image of competence, integrity, and pride – the image of a professional noncommissioned officer."

Airmen, remember what you said?

"You are entrusted to effectively utilize the resources given to you to accomplish your duties. You are entrusted to strive to be proficient at your duties, as well as to represent the military positively in the civilian community. You are entrusted to actively pursue the highest level of knowledge, both on and off duty. You are entrusted to never forget the accomplishments of the other Airmen who have come before you.

"You are entrusted to approach all situations with an open mind. You are entrusted to develop a military lifestyle that instills patriotism in everyone you come in contact with. In fulfilling these specific charges, airmen will ensure their integrity, loyalty and devotion to duty remain above reproach at all times."

Do you remember what you said? More importantly—did you mean it?



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## DUI Prevention

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| April 27 – May 10 | 1 |
| Total DUIs in May | 1 |
| Total in 2005     | 5 |

### Punishment

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| .049 or less = car parked for 12 hours |
| .05-.079 = 6 months walking            |
| .081-.149 = 1 year walking             |
| 0.15 or greater = 2 years walking      |

*Don't  
drink and drive.  
Call 225-RIDE!*

## Action Line

**Action.lines@yokota.af.mil**

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**Col. Mark Schissler**  
374th Airlift Wing Commander

# Care —

*Yokota medics go  
'above and beyond'  
to save lives, limbs*

By Master Sgt. John Lasky  
Air Force News

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — After a soldier is gravely injured, he or she is whisked away by helicopter to the nearest hospital and spends what can be many hours on an operating table being stabilized.

This critical patient still requires a medical center with more resources to help them recover.

But how can such a critically injured patient be moved from an intensive care unit in the heart of Iraq to a hospital a couple thousand miles away?

A CCATT, or Critical Care Air Transport Team, consisting of a doctor, nurse, and respiratory technician is just the team to help the seriously-wounded soldier.

The CCATT flies to a base down range as part of a larger air evacuation team picking up other patients along with their severely injured patient or patients. The team can accommodate three patients on ventilators or up to six patients not requiring ventilator support.

One such team comes from the 374th Medical Operations Squadron from Yokota Air Base, Japan. The team is deployed to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, with the 791st Expeditionary Air Evacuation Squadron.

Unlike regular air evacuation personnel, the CCATT team members typically have full-time clinical duties within a medical group or hospital. Maj. Kathleen Browning works in Yokota's emergency room, Dr. (Capt.) Warren Thio staffs the internal medicine clinic, and Tech. Sgt. Tammy Shy performs a broad range of diagnostic testing in the cardiopulmonary clinic. Deployment as a CCATT takes hospital staff out of their ground-based roles and applies their collective critical care skills in



photos by Master Sgt. John Lasky

**Above, Maj. Kathleen Browning, emergency room nurse deployed from the 374th Medical Group, and Tech. Sgt. Tammy Shaw, respiratory technician deployed from the 374th Medical Operations Squadron, prepare machines to monitor the status and administer medication for a critically-injured patient at the Air Force Theater Hospital intensive care unit on Balad Air Base, Iraq. Below, Dr. (Capt.) Warren Thio, deployed from the 374th MDOS, and Major Browning readjust equipment during a medical evacuation to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The three-person team is known as a CCATT, or Critical Car Air Transport Team.**

the expeditionary environment.

During one particular mission enroute to Balad Air Base, Iraq, the projected workload changed a couple times.

"Flexibility," said the major, referring to what she believes every Airman should call the fourth core value.

The team's gear consisted of a duffle bag and Special Medical Emergency Evacuation Device.

Upon arriving at the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group's Air Force theater hospital, they discuss the status of critical patient with the staff then get to work.

Major Browning introduces herself and the team, then the SMEED is popped open and attached to the foot end of his litter.

The team is off and running, readying what will look like a small village of machines at the patient's feet consisting of a cardiac monitor, IV pump, trans-

port ventilator, and suction machines maintaining the status and administering medicines to the injured soldier.

At the other end of the tented Intensive Care Unit, Doctor Thio examines the patient's charts and injuries.

The soldier has numerous wounds from an improvised explosive device sending shrapnel through his neck, abdomen, and shattering his legs.

While the doctor is reviewing notes, Major Browning and cardiopulmonary technician Tech. Sgt. Tammy Shy start attaching machines to the tray and wires and tubes to the patient.

While the CCAT Team is preparing the patient for the flight, the air evacuation crew is configuring the C-141 Starlifter and boarding the ambulatory patients.

The crew now waits while waiting for the aircraft commander's call notifying them to mobilize the patient.

"Like the war outside, CCATT missions involve a lot of waiting punctuated by a few minutes of terror — give me a boring mission any day," said Doctor Thio with a wink,

"It's better for the patient and for my gastric ulcer."

Once the plane has been configured to receive patients, the soldier is loaded onto the ambus for the meticulously slow drive to aircraft. Since he will be the first off at the final destination he's the last boarded on the aircraft.

While flying over Iraq the white light inside the plane is replaced by red light while aircrew, doctors, nurses, medical technicians, and patients wear Kevlar vests and helmets.

For more than five hours the team watches carefully, ensuring this critically-injured patient receives prompt care until the plane taxis to a stop at Ramstein.

"When we've landed and gotten the patient to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, I feel a sense of relief, that there's another successful mission especially if all has gone well and the patient has arrived without incident," said Doctor Thio. "Where they can receive more definitive care and can see the results almost like instant gratification."

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## Off base

**Art exhibition**—A free contemporary art exhibition by a member of the 374th Communications Squadron will be featured at the Ome City Culture Center. The exhibit will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. May 24 to 29. The center is a three-minute walk from the Higashi-Ome station's north exit.

For more information call 225-7338.

## On base

### Movies

**Today** — *The Ring 2*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *XXX: State of the Union*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday** — *Ice Princess*, G, 2 p.m.; *The Ring 2*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *XXX: State of the Union*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday** — *The Ring 2*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *Ice Princess*, G, 7 p.m.

**Monday** — *XXX: State of the Union*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday** — *The Ring 2*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** — *Ice Princess*, G, 7 p.m.; *Star Wars III: Return of the Sith*, PG-13, midnight

**Thursday** — *Star Wars III: Return of the Sith*, PG-13, 2:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; *XXX: State of the Union*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. For more information, call 225-8708.

### Farewell banquet

The 374th Airlift Wing is hosting a farewell banquet for wing commander Col. and Mrs. Mark Schissler May 31 at the Enlisted Club beginning at 6 p.m. Community members can reserve a seat through their first sergeant. For more information, call 225-8703.

### Heritage events

The Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Committee\* is hosting several events this month. A cultural show is scheduled for May 21 at the Taiyo Recreation Center from noon to 3 p.m. A volleyball tournament will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Yokota Middle

and High Schools. A luncheon will be hosted May 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. For more information, call 225-4126.

### Term V classes

The University of Maryland University College will hold sign-ups for Term V classes Monday through May 27. For more information, call 225-8922, visit <http://www.asia.umuc.edu> or see the field representatives in Bldg. 316.

### Summer hire program

The base's summer hire program is accepting applications for full- and part-time laborer and clerical positions Monday through May 27. For more information, visit the Civilian Personnel Office or Yokota Middle or High School.

### Family Advocacy

Family Advocacy is moving to the Bldg. 1585 with the dental squadron May 20. Community members should contact Life Skills that day for assistance. The organization will reopen at its new location May 23 at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call 225-3648.

### Greek Fest I

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s Tokyo Alumnae Chapter\* is hosting its Greek Fest I Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Snyder Field pavilion area. Families are welcome to attend. For more information, call 225-7717 or 225-4148.

### Cookout

The Single Parent Support Group is hosting a cookout May 20 at the Family Support Center beginning at 5 p.m. To register for the event or for more information, call 225-3648.

### Flea market

The Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club\* is hosting a flea market at the Kanto Lodge parking lot May 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community members can display items they wish to sell at tables for \$20. For more information or to sign up, e-mail [chilichick1966@yahoo.com](mailto:chilichick1966@yahoo.com).

### Police Week

The 374th Security Forces Squadron is hosting a community event at the Yokota Community Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. It features military working dog demonstrations, bike registration and a vehicle and weapons displays. A friendship barbecue will be held Sunday at Darling Field for all security and police personnel.

Security Forces Airmen will also be at the Enlisted Club's Kids Klub Wednesday. A coloring contest, finger-printing and photo opportunities will be featured.

The Squadron will also hold a retreat ceremony in honor of fallen police officers Thursday at Bldg. 315 at 4:30 p.m.

### Sensory integration

The Yokota East Elementary School is hosting a seminar about children's sensory integration May 23 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the school's media center. For more information, call 225-8982.

### Chapel Schedule

#### Traditional (West) Chapel

*Catholic*: Reconciliation, Sundays at 8:45 a.m., 4:45 p.m. and by appointment. Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m., 5 p.m.; Mondays through Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

*Protestant*: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 6:30 p.m.; Korean service, Sundays at 2 p.m.

*Other faiths*: Baha'i, Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

#### Contemporary (East) Chapel

*Protestant*: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

*Other faiths*: Seventh Day Adventist, second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 9 a.m.; Islam, Fridays at noon.

For more information on the chapel schedule, call 225-7009.

### PO disclaimer

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## Samurai Warrior



## of the Week



**Airman 1st Class  
Brooke Mckee**

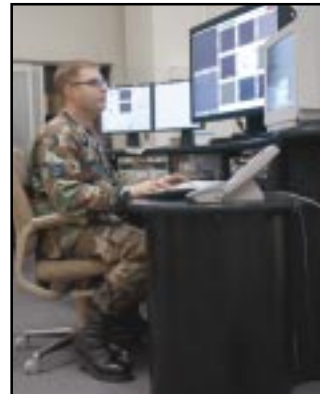
**Airman 1st Class Brooke Mckee**, 374th Medical Operations Squadron, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the qualities of sympathy toward all people, sincerity and respect for one's word of honor, absolute loyalty to one's superior, and a duty to defend the honor of one's name and guild.

She is an aerospace medical service apprentice who is assigned to the obstetrical unit. Airman Mckee operates and maintains more than \$570,000 in specialized equipment and ensures high standards of care are met for over 720 obstetrical and neonatal admissions annually. She has assisted in numerous complicated deliveries. She is also a member of the Patient Decontamination Team where she expertly helps triage and remove contaminants from members before they enter the Medical Treatment Facility.

## Kensei Warrior



## of the Week



**Staff Sgt. Brendan Vargas**

**Staff Sgt. Brendan Vargas**, Detachment 10, Air Force News Agency, is the Kensei Warrior of the Week for displaying the Essential Attitudes of "develop intuitive judgment and understanding for everything," and "do nothing which is of no use."

Sergeant Vargas is a broadcast producer with the Pacific Regional News Center, providing news coverage of Department of Defense events in the Pacific region. While deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, he used his mastery of four foreign languages to translate DoD policy statements to international media covering coalition operations. He also produced 25 television stories on coalition actions and earned honors as number one producer at AFN-Baghdad in May 2004. He was one of three initial broadcast specialists on the ground in Thailand following the tsunami.

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## “Quotes” & Things

*“I was three over: one over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool.”*

**George Brett,**  
on his golf game

**Track & field:** The Kanto Plain Track and Field Finals are scheduled for Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Bonk Field. The community is invited to cheer on Yokota’s competitors. For more information, call 225-2605.

**Soccer:** The 2005 Department of Defense Dependents Far East High School Boys’ Soccer Tournament is scheduled for Monday through May 20 at Darling Field here. Nearly a dozen schools will be represented and compete for recognition. For more information, call 225-9827.

**Biathlon:** The U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Detachment at Yokosuka is hosting the second annual Ronin Biathlon May 21 beginning at 7 a.m. The biathlon features a 6.8-kilometer run, 1.5-kilometer swim and ends with a 1.5-kilometer run. For more information or to sign up, call 241-4468 or 243-7190.

**Tournament:** Route 56, an on-base private organization, is hosting a five-man softball tournament May 21 and 22 at Wilkins Field beginning at 8 a.m. The cost is \$50 per team. For more information, call 225-4034 or 225-8943.

**Run:** The Yokota Youth Programs is hosting the America’s Kids Run May 21 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the playground behind Snyder Field. For more information or to sign up, visit the West Youth Center or visit <http://www.americaskidsrun.org>.



photo by Airman 1st Class Katie Thomas

### Faster than a speeding ...

The 374th Wing Staff Agencies couldn’t hold off the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron’s B-team Tuesday night at Wilkins Field, taking a 20-17 loss. The WSA team kept CES scoreless through the third inning, however the team rallied in the game’s twilight for a solid win. Community members can cheer on this year’s intramural softball teams Mondays through Fridays at Wilkins and Yokota Fields from 5:30 to 8 p.m. For more information about this year’s softball intramurals, call the main fitness center at 225-6133.

# Special Olympiads, volunteers team up

## Annual Kanto Plain event brings joy to base community, participants

By Master Sgt. Val Gempis  
Air Force Print News

More than 700 American and Japanese volunteers helped make the 26th Annual Kanto Plain Special Olympics a rousing success, officials said.

But for some of the volunteers, seeing the event succeed is not the only reason they came.

“I’m so happy to see the joy on the athlete’s faces,” said Tech. Sgt. Melissa Popejoy, a cargo ramp specialist from the 730th Air Mobility Squadron. “They remind me of my brother who also participates in these events back in the states.”

Sergeant Popejoy has volunteered at Special Olympics the past five years. She said she does so because it helps her feel close to her 26-year-old brother who has seizures and learning disabilities as a result of spinal meningitis.

Even though her brother is thousands of miles away, she said she feels like she is helping him by volunteering.

Officials said Special Olympics

has opened up a world where athletes can achieve goals and experience competition. It has changed the lives of people looking for inspiration or wanting to inspire. Worldwide, the events have touched the lives of millions, including athletes, family members, volunteers, coaches and donors.

“I also take my two kids to help,” Sergeant Popejoy said. “We’ve been huggers, greeters, scorekeepers and statisticians. They clap, cheer and really enjoy themselves here. Hopefully, Special Olympics will have a positive impact on their lives.”

This year, the air mobility squadron Airmen made and handed out hundreds of medals and ribbons to participants.

“I love coming here,” said 1st Lt. Kenneth Raszinski of the 374th Services Division and event director. “This event brings Americans and Japanese closer together.”

The lieutenant said he began planning for the event in October. The biggest challenge was coordinating with 20 off-base schools.



photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

**Tech. Sgt. Melissa Popejoy, Martha Percy, retired Army Warrant Officer Irving Wiesel, and Master Sgt. James Percy, cheer Japanese athletes during a medal presentation at the 26th Annual Kanto Plain Special Olympics here Saturday and Sunday.**

This year, more than 400 athletes participated in 42 sporting events like basketball, softball throw, bowling, and track and field.

“It’s amazing to see how well the base and the local community worked together for the athletes here,” Lieutenant Raszinski said.

Master Sgt. James Percy, a first-time volunteer from the 374th Medical Group’s bio-environmental flight, said he did not know what to expect. He was quickly amazed

at how good and competitive the athletes were.

“It’s incredible to see how fast they can run,” Sergeant Percy said. “They compete hard. They have so much heart.”

He said the best part of the event was when the athletes shook his hand and gave him a hug.

“You get nothing but good feelings here,” the sergeant said. “I should have been doing this a long time ago.”

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